


McCormick’s Creek State Park

Nature Center Hours:
EST 9:30am-4:00pm
Daily: April-October
Wed-Sun: November-March
Group programs available-
Arrange one month in advance.
Nature Center: (812) 829-4344

Naturalists: Marquita Manley,
Jill Vance, Joshua Hunter, Don Larkin
Receptionists: Barbra Toops,
Jean Bowman
Park Office: (812) 829-2235
Property Mgr: Dwight Brooks

Learn how you can earn a free Park Patch – Details at Nature Center
Visit the Interpretive Nature Center for live snakes, a wildlife-viewing room,
exhibits, games, puppets & request to see videos (until 3pm).
Watch for our Hikes 


Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov

2nd Tuesday of each month- 6:00pm--Friends of McCormick’s Creek State Park—meets
at Nature Center. All interested persons are welcome. Business meeting follows pot-luck snacks.
Membership and meeting information available by calling the Nature Center, 812-829-4344.



~ Special Activities ~

April 16-17 Wildflower Weekend – The Peak of the Spring Blooming Season
April 30 Garlic Mustard Massacre –service day to remove invasive plants

Saturday, April 2

10:30am **Park Patch Program** – Find out how you and your family can earn a park patch. Smokey’s
Friend (ages 5-7); Jr. Naturalist (ages 8-adult); Hoosier Ecologist (after Jr. Naturalist)
11:00am **The Amazing American Toad** -- Toadlore and lifestyles-- meet our live resident critter.
Nature Center (30 min.)
1:30pm  **Exploring Nature Hike**—Signs of Spring and seasonal discoveries! Meet at the Nature
Center. (45 min)


Sunday, April 3

10:00am  **Hike to Wolf Cave Nature Preserve**—See what flowers are in bloom! Meet at the Nature
Center for this 45 minute walk. (You may continue on your own to Wolf Cave—bring a
flashlight if you desire to go through the cave)
1:30pm  **Walk to the Falls**—Natural history and cultural history highlights. Meet at the Nature
Center. (45 min)

Monday, April 4 - Friday, April 8

Drop by the Nature Center to find property trail maps, informational pamphlets, displays, wildlife window
to watch birds, field guides and nature information. Property maps are also available at Canyon Inn lobby.

Saturday, April 9

10:30am **Park Patch Program** – Find out how you and your family can earn a park patch. Smokey’s
Friend (ages 5-7); Jr. Naturalist (ages 8-adult); Hoosier Ecologist (after Jr. Naturalist)
11:00am  **Hands and Knees Hike**—Discover what’s happening on the forest floor, full of tiny and
necessary life. You’ll be amazed on our micro-hike. Meet at the Nature Center (30 min)
1:30pm **Creature Feature: Tiger Salamander** – Meet our resident salamander—we call him
“Smiley” because of his facial features. Discover more about this interesting large
salamander and the other mole salamanders of Indiana. (30 min)
2:00pm **Create your own Salamander! (craft)** Meet in the Nature Center. (30 min)

Sunday, April 10

1:30pm **Old Man Coyote**—Fascinating info about this misunderstood member of the dog family.
Examine fur, teeth, and skull, and footprint. We’ll discuss his role in nature. Meet at the
Nature Center. (30 min)

Monday, April 11 - Friday, April 15

Drop by the Nature Center to find property trail maps, informational pamphlets, displays, wildlife window to watch birds, field guides and nature information. Property maps are also available at Canyon Inn lobby.

Tuesday, April 12 ~ Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park







6:00pm, Nature Center. For more information, call 812-829-4344

Interested persons and new members welcome. Potluck snacks followed by regular business meeting.





Wild Flower Weekend

Join us for hikes or stop by the Nature Center to see video programs featuring wildflowers.

Saturday, April 16

- 9:00am**  **Flowers and Water Falls** – Meet at Canyon Inn front steps for a leisurely walk to McCormick's Creek waterfalls. Flowers commonly seen include trillium and hepatica. (40 min)
- 10:00am**  **Wildflowers of the Creek and Quarry**—Meet at Canyon Inn front steps for this moderately rugged hike. We typically see a wide diversity of flowers on this walk to the Old State House Quarry and lower section of McCormick's Creek. (1-1/2 hr.)
- 11:00am**  **Blooming Stroll** – Meet at the Nature Center for a walk into the edge of the woods to see trillium, wild ginger, phlox and more! We will be on a paved trail. (45 min)
- 1:00pm**  **Redbud Ramble and the Canyon Rim** – Meet at the Nature Center for a moderate hike to see bluets, shooting stars, and other flowers that love this specialized habitat. (1 hr)
- 2:00pm**  **Canyon Bottoms and Floodplain Flowers**—Meet at Wolf Cave Parking Lot for a rugged hike into the Canyon, along the creek, and back along the north rim. (1-1/2hr)
- 3:00pm**  **Shady Flowers and Ferns**—Meet at Canyon Inn front steps for a walk along a ravine to see Dutchman's breeches, squirrel corn, spring beauties, and emerging delicate ferns. (1 hr)


Sunday, April 17

- 9:00am**  **Flowers and Waterfalls** --Meet at Canyon Inn front steps for a leisurely walk to McCormick's Creek waterfalls. Flowers commonly seen include trillium and hepatica. (40 min)
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- 1:00pm**  **Blooming Stroll** – Meet at the Nature Center for a walk into the edge of the woods to see trillium, wild ginger, phlox and more! We will be on a paved trail. (45 min)
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Monday, April 18 - Friday, April 22

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Saturday, April 23

- 10:00am**  **Wild Edibles Hike**—What plants did the early settlers use for food or medicines? Meet at the Nature Center. (1 hr)
- 1:00pm** **Are the Snakes out yet?** Find out what types of snakes are commonly found at McCormick's Creek State Park. Meet one of our resident reptiles. Nature Center (30 min)

Sunday, April 24

- 10:00am**  **Wildflower Walk along the Canyon Rim**—Meet at the Campground Parking Lot (45 min)
- 1:00pm** **Wildflower Crafts**—Make a note card or a cover for your Nature Journal!
Drop-in activity from 1:00-3:00pm in the Nature Center display room.

Monday, April 25 - Friday, April 29

Drop by the Nature Center to find property trail maps, informational pamphlets, displays, wildlife window to watch birds, field guides and nature information. Property maps are also available at Canyon Inn lobby.

Saturday, April 30 Garlic Mustard Massacre

Help us remove invasive plants to protect our native wildflowers!

Check in at the Nature Center for orientation and area assignment.

For more information, call the nature center at 812-829-4344.